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## **For Immediate Release**

## **Excise Officers Arrest 18 During IU Tailgating**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Nov. 3)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 18 people on 23 charges during tailgating at Indiana University's home football game against the University of Iowa.

Officers arrested 17 people for illegal consumption or possession of alcohol. Two people were also charged with possession of false ID. One was also charged with making a false statement of age. One adult was arrested for furnishing or providing alcohol to a minor.

One 19-year-old female from Ft. Wayne, Ind., was arrested for illegal consumption, public intoxication and false informing after officers found her stumbling along N. Dunn Street. She tested .245% BrAC on a portable breath test.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.